

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: AET 1768-1770

Topic: Consultancies

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1768. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

1769. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

1770. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?

- a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
- b) If so, why?

Answer:

Since 14 September 2015:

1768. Please refer to tenders.gov.au for detail of consultancies undertaken in this period.

1769. The ATO makes an allowance for expenditure on consultancies in the budget allocation process each year. All consultants are engaged on an identified operational needs basis only. There are currently no consultancies planned that are required to be published in the Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender.

1770.

- a) Please refer to tenders.gov.au for the published procurement method.
- b) The Commonwealth Procurement Rules outline the three procurement methods of Open, Prequalified or Limited Tender and also set out the conditions that must be met if Limited Tender is the procurement method used. The reason for a Limited Tender is not published, however all ATO Limited Tender procurements meet one of the required conditions, if over the relevant threshold.